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3. Six thousand Communist troops at Kuanghai (112-48, 21-58), who wear the insignia "159 Division of the 3 Banking Detachment," have mobilized about 100 junks, which the soldiers are being trained to use. Training is conducted in the morning³. During a storm on 26 February 3 junks were sunk with over 100 casualties.

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4. One Communist army is in the Taishan (112-45, 21-15)-Yangchiang area. Another is in the Chungshan-Shunte (113-16, 22-50) area and four are in the Paoan (112-32, 24-54)-Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02)-Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) area. One division is in the Haifeng (115-20, 22-58)-Lufeng (115-38, 22-58) area. One army is in the Swatow area. In addition to the above there are five other armies in Kwangtung⁴.

26 February 1950

5. Two hundred troops of the Communist 4 Field Army are stationed in Tihai (112-41, 22-20). They belong to an unknown unit which has its headquarters in Kongmoon (Chiangmen)⁵.

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6. Independent guerrillas along the Kwangtung coast have information that the Communists intend an immediate operation against the guerrilla-occupied coastal islands from Swatow to Yangchiang. The Communists are training, and mobilizing junks.⁶
7. The Communist garrison at Yangchiang has been identified as the 43 Division of the 2 Field Army and is commanded by CHANG Hsien-yang (張顯揚)⁷. It is cooperating with a local Communist guerrilla force under CHENG Chin-po (鄭錦波) against anti-Communist guerrillas.⁸

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8. A Communist unit of divisional strength with insignia, badges and flags bearing the numeral "81" arrived in Na Lung (那龍)⁸ on 23 February 1950.

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9. There are about 100,000 Communist troops in the Fangcheng (108-23, 21-46) area. These are preparing to cross the Indochina border [redacted] 25X1
10. Since the middle of February 1950 Chinese Communist troops have been crossing the Indochina frontier between Tunghsing (107-58, 21-33) and Chamnankuan (106-41 21-58). After crossing, the troops ostensibly pass under the control of Ho Chi Minh's local commanders¹.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Apparently movements in this area are the basis for a current belief [redacted] that the Communists intend to invade Indochina. As yet this belief does not have sufficient evidence to support it. A more likely supposition is that the regrouping is caused mostly by Hainan invasion plans and partly by the reported supplying of arms by the Chinese Communists to Ho Chi Minh. Other movements and rumors are covered [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. These troops may have moved in order to invest Yunnan.

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3. [] Comment. This slightly conflicts with paragraph 2.

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4. [] The above information is from observing the insignia that some of the units are not present in full strength in the localities mentioned.

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[] Comment. This and other sources have reported general movement out of southwest Kwangtung in the general direction of the areas mentioned. []

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6. [] Comment. It is believed that the plan to clean out the guerrillas may be a small part of the Hainan operation or it may be the ascribing of a different motive to Communist maneuvers.

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[] Comment. The Communists have recently taken Namoa Island near Swatow.

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7. [] Comment. TSIEN Wen-ching has been previously reported as commander of the 43 Division.

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8. [] Comment. Probable coordinates are 107-32, 22-44.

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9. [] Comment. They may also be preparing for the Hainan invasion.